HB 1516 - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/19)

Requires the fish and wildlife commission to adopt by rule: (1) A process and criteria to select persons, who may act as agents of the state, for using one or more dogs to hunt or pursue black bear, cougar, or bobcat to protect livestock, domestic animals, private property, or the public safety; and

(2) Requirements an applicant must comply with when applying for the program, including a criminal background check.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to administer a training program that provides dog training opportunities, for selected people, using nonlethal pursuit.